



Dec. 22 to Jan. 8--Collegeville's Merry Christmas!



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GLEE CLUB STAGES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Retreat Shows Way to Better Mode of Living

Father Mooney Advises Practice of Virtues In Series of Talks

By JIM LYNCH

St. Joseph's annual retreat was terminated Friday, Dec. 8, with Mass and Communion. Under the guidance of the retreat master, the Rev. Francis J. Mooney, C.P.P.S., the students added more impetus to the old campus slogan, "At St. Joe, students make a good retreat."

Father Mooney, a young missionary, held the interest of the students throughout the whole retreat. His lectures were different, not in material, but in presentation. Instead of the usual don'ts he stressed the things to do.

Began With Benediction

The retreat began with Benediction on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6. Immediately afterward the retreat-master gave his first address. He emphasized silence on the part of students, as an aid to making a better retreat.

Collegeville, for the remainder of the retreat, took on an air of somberness, as students refrained from talking, using radios, and other modes of amusement.

During the course of the retreat, there were six lectures. These, silent meditation periods, and prayer, rounding out a well-organized retreat.

Invite Locals To Grad Feast

Cook County Grads Ask Chicagoans as Guests

By RAY CERA

When thirty-eight St. Joe men who hail from Cook county, Ill., return home for the holidays, they will find an abounding spirit of cheer. For the St. Joe Alumni of this county have planned a banquet and an interesting program in behalf of these students whom they will eventually welcome into their chapter. The action will take place on Jan. 3, in the College Inn of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

Plan Guest Speaker Among the several guest-speakers invited to attend this feast is Mr. Warren Brown, sports-columnist for the Chicago Herald-American. Guests from the Calumet (Ind.) district are also expected.

After the speeches, a series of movies showing C.Y.O. boxing matches, Notre Dame games and pictures of St. Joe games will offer moments of true enjoyment and excitement.

Community Students Plan Dec. 25 Play

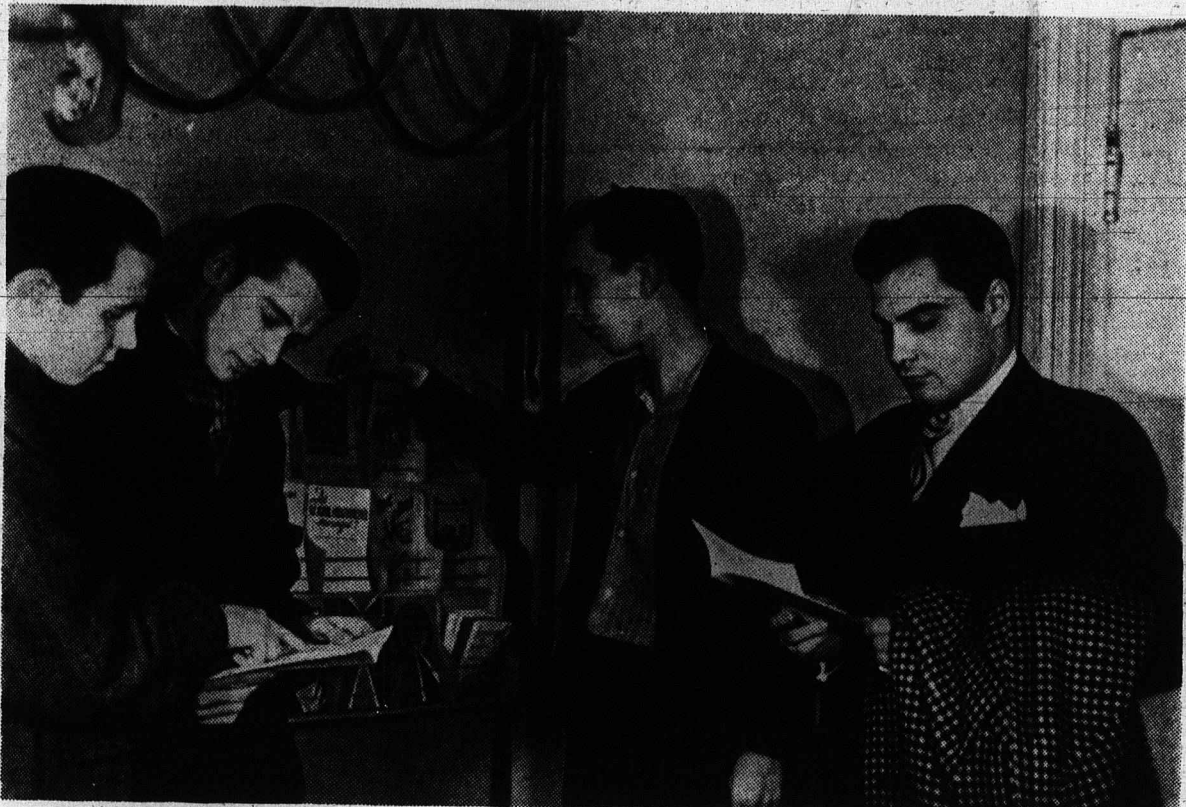
By JOE DELL

While secular and professional students are at home during the Christmas recess, religious students, numbering about sixty-five, have a varied program of work and play here at St. Joe.

Plans for the vacation are being formulated by the sixth-year students, sophomores in college. Entertainments and tournaments will be the main features. The proposed tournaments are "ping-pong," and "slop" pool, basketball and cards. "The Legend of the Juggler," a medieval pantomime in three tableaux by Camille Watson, will be presented Christmas night, December 25, by the Curtain Club for the C.P.P.S., brothers and sisters. Francis Luciano, sixth-year religious, is the director.

Herald Narrator: Walter Piekenbrock
Jean, the juggler: John Behen
Boniface: Francis Sullivan
Abbot: James McNaughton
Madonna: Clement Kuhns
Six Monks: Albert Fey, William Cadden, Joseph Dell, Michael Homos, Arthur Loew, Elmer Ernst
Five Boys: Anthony Teolis, Mark Dorenkemper, Cornelius Fasn, Jerome Held and Donnell Sendelbach.

"Discovery in the Mission Shop"



Although religious leaflets have been on the campus for years, only recently has the Mission Shop reduced the price to cost, to sell them more thoroughly. Looking over the assortment immediately after the end of Retreat last Friday are, left to right, Jim Cooney, Bill Peitz, salesman Jim McNaughton, and Bob O'Hara.

Mission Shop Exploits Pamphlets To Settle a College Man's Doubt

"Sure, We'll Cooperate," Says Manager James—So Leaflets on Love, etc., Sell for a Nickel Each

In connection with STUFF's policy of keeping campus reading and speech clean, attention is called to the pamphlet rack situated in the local Mission Shop. The Dwenger Mission Unit is effecting a drive for better reading at St. Joe, through the medium of this rack.

"Most fellows consider pamphlets dry and uninteresting, but the truth of the matter is that they never read the pamphlets to find out. To make it easier to get these booklets, the Mission Shop has cut their price to cost, five cents," said Jim McNaughton, manager.

The Dwenger pamphlet rack has just the reading material necessary for leisure time, and one of the finest assortments of pamphlets that can be found anywhere.

Solve Youth's Problems

There are booklets on all the modern problems of youth, courtship, and marriage. Included are books on Communism, on the priesthood, on the lives of great saints, and pamphlets treating of the five great Encyclicals, including the one on Christian Marriage.

Besides, these booklets represent some of our better known Catholic writers. Among those pamphlets worthy of mention are: Boys, Girls, and Standards; Birth Control; After the Honeymoon, what?; and Communism and Morals; all topics of great interest and importance today. "Why not drop into the Mission Shop and pick up several of these pamphlets while the opportunity is still here," suggests the personnel under the faculty building.

Committee Discusses Plans For Dance

Descending from flickering lights and tricky decorations, a true Valentine atmosphere will prevail at the local Armory, Feb. 3, commencing the first Raleigh Club Dance for members only and their girl friends.

Supplying the brain and brawn for that inaugural will be the committeemen T. Anderson, J. Toth, G. Lundy, T. Cassidy, J. Cantwell, R. Scheiber, R. Haffner, E. Fleming, R. Perl, A. Stadola, and Wm. Kozielski.

As yet no orchestra is officially booked.

Full Band is Too Large For Our Gym, Says Prof.

Prof. Tonner has decided that he will not use a full band this semester. "One of the primary reasons which resulted in this decision," stated the professor, "was that in a gymnasium the size of St. Joseph's, the resulting tone produced by the whole ensemble is too broad."

Finish Infirmary Chapel

As STUFF goes to press, Mr. Peter Heimes, infirmarian, and his assistants are putting the finishing touches on the altar and pews of the new infirmary chapel.



CHRISTMAS EVE

By BOB LECHNER

"A Savior's born," the Angels sang;
With Glorias the heavens rang.

I saw the splendor of the earth
And glory of the skies.
I saw a dimpled new-born Babe
Gaze into Mary's eyes.

"Oh, Child," I said, "can it be so?
Was not this past long years ago?"

I found my answer in the smile
Of that Babe—no more a stranger,
"Lo, every altar's Bethlehem
And every soul a manger."

'Shadow' Rehearses, Actors Hunt a Set

Players Have the Stage, Of Course, But Delay the Practice to Find the Stone of Genevieve's Ring

By JIM MANION

Hal a casual observer dropped in at a recent rehearsal of "Shadow and Substance" he would have been surprised to find the entire cast crawling about the stage on their hands and knees. This odd scene does not occur in the play, however. It developed that Miss Genevieve Moosmiller, one of the C.Y.O.

"Shadow and Substance"
The Cast
The Canon..... Dave Jones
Brigid..... Mary Fischer
Fr. Corr..... Ralph Parker
Fr. Kirwin..... Bill Storey
O'Flanagan..... Ray Cera
Thomasina..... Genevieve Moosmiller
Jemima..... Mary Louise Brunahan
Francis..... Bill Rademacher
Martin..... Paul Cullen
Rosey..... Martha Scheurich

girls, had lost the set from her ring, and the players had taken time out to help her hunt for it.

In its second week of rehearsals, Paul C. Carroll's Broadway hit is rapidly taking shape. Because the play, under the direction of the Rev. Robert Koch, C.P.P.S., is difficult in itself due to its depth and spirituality, the actors are lending their wholehearted cooperation and are showing great promise.

Bill Peitz, student assistant and scene designer, has to say, "The scenery has been designed and, at the present time, is being constructed. The production board is exploiting every means to make this production a success."

O'Donnell Wins Medallion In High School Contest

In the Josten's essay contest for high school seniors Francis O'Donnell merited first prize, a bronze medallion, announced Father Ley this morning. Mr. O'Donnell's essay will now be sent in for state competition.

The judges, teachers in the English Department, awarded second place to Howard J. Haman, and third place to Franklin A. Klumpe and James Runkinn.

Twenty-four of the forty-six seniors entered the contest.

Fr. Hartman Defends Logical Theory in Holiday Lecture

"I am going to Washington to read my paper on The Extra-Syllogistic Forms of Reasoning," stated Rev. Sylvester Hartman, C.P.P.S., referring to his invitation to attend the fifteenth annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. Under the auspices of the Catholic University of America, the session will convene at Washington, D. C., December 28-29.

Are Other Types

Some logicians claim that there are extra-syllogistic types of inference; that is, valid forms of reasoning which cannot be expressed in the traditional syllogism. The accepted syllogism may contain only three terms, the major, minor and middle terms. On the other hand, the exponents of the extra-syllogistic kind of argument claim these forms comprise four or five terms.

"This apparent excess of the number of terms rests on too narrow a conception of what constitutes the material dealt with in a syllogism," contends Fr. Hartman. "This material," he maintains, "is not merely three terms, but three terms joined by three relations."

To Prove Fourth Element

He furthermore aims to show that if such a relation, whenever necessary, is viewed not as forming part of a term but as a separate fourth element of an argument, all supposedly extra-syllogistic forms of reasoning cited in texts of logic can readily be reduced to the three-term inference called the syllogism.

STUFF wishes Fr. Hartman the best of luck in his forthcoming argument.

New Recording Device Will Cut Down Letters

Revolutionizing teaching methods now used in Collegeville's public speaking classes and perhaps some students' methods of correspondence, an R. C. A. Victor recording machine will be put in service at the beginning of next semester.

The Rev. Robert Koch, C.P.P.S., dramatic director at St. Joseph's, says about the \$179 machine: "Due to its sensitiveness, the student using it will readily distinguish the discrepancies and good points in his speech."

Shows Up Boners

The Glee Club and dramatic organizations will also use the device to good advantage. Estimated cost per six-minute record is seventy-five cents.

Instead of writing to "loved ones," students will be able to send a three-to-four minute greeting and general news broadcast for the sum of fifty cents. With its multiple uses, the recorder is bound to receive plenty of action.

Campus 'Town Crier' Yodels 'Save Stamps'

Collegeville was greeted by a very novel form of advertisement last Monday. Two members of the Farley Stamp Club, Bob Contant and Paul Werhle, strolled about the campus with the "Ya town Crier." This poster, carried aloft on poles, was an appeal to the residents to save all stamps.

The results of this drive will be donated to the missions. Besides this scheme, pamphlets were distributed for the same purpose. On all bulletin boards messages of the appeal, "Save Stamps," were posted.

In accordance with the drive, stamp collection boxes have been placed in the residence halls.

Songs by Solo And 30 to Ring Next Tuesday

Gleemen Will Feature Violin Concert Artist, Newly Attired in Tuxes

By JIM LAVELLE

Donning tuxedos for the first time, the St. Joe Glee Club, on Dec. 19, will present a pre-Xmas program of seasonal and novelty arias in Alumni Hall. The evening's entertainment will be equally divided between the songs of our tux-clad warblers and a violin concert given by Mrs. Gertrude Stillabower, a concert violinist from Lafayette, Ind.

Accompanist for Mrs. Stillabower will be Mrs. James Shradle, also of Lafayette.

The gleemen, sporting red ties and red boutonnières in their initial full program of the year, will lead off with a series of selections. Following this comes the sweet music of the strings, and in closing, the collective voices will again be heard in a group of tunes.

"My Body"

Quite a Russian atmosphere will permeate the performance because a number of songs peculiar to that country will be sung. However, the group's first selection will be an ancient French Christmas song, most appropriate in view of the coming holiday season. Professor Paul Tonner's musical ability will be flaunted when the minstrels sing "Old King Cole," a novelty number written by the St. Joe music maestro.

All the vocal renditions will not be group numbers, for included in the program are solos by Bob Beeching, of the disappearing Beechings, singing "O Holy Night," and Jerry Bissler, making his bid with Liebestraum, a famous piano piece written by Franz Liszt. "An added something to look forward to is a surprise number by Dick Scheiber, Bill Kozielski, Jerry Bissler and Bob Beeching, accompanied by the entire body," said the Rev. Harold Diller, C.P.P.S., director.

CONDOLENCE

In the name of professors and students of St. Joseph's, STUFF extends sympathy to William Herber, college junior, upon the death of his father, and to John Wilker, high school junior, upon the death of his father.

CPPS Students Make Promises

Community Retreat Ends With Fifth-Year Rites

By BOB WENDELN

The retreat for the Community Students ended Friday evening, Dec. 8, with sixteen young Sanguinists making their temporary profession in the Society of the Precious Blood to the Very Rev. Joseph Matling, C.P.P.S., provincial of that society. Seven of them received the cassock.

Those who received a cincture and made their promise of fidelity are as follows: Kenneth Seberger, William Cadden, college sophomores; Bernard Diekhoff, Robert Knipper, Joseph Hajdich, Michael Homos, Aloys Krempel, James Zaumeyer, Arthur Hartman, Arthur Loew, Salvatore Squicquero, Elmer Ernst, Joseph Pax, Werner Piekenbrock, Joseph Brungardt, and James McNaughton, freshmen. Those who were invested with the cassock are: Daniel Schaefer, and Matthew Scanlon, sophomores; Norbert Hoving, William Bauer, and Robert Burhman, freshmen; and Paul Missler and Mark Dorenkemper, seniors in high school.

After the profession of the students, Brother Lawrence Hoorman, C.P.P.S., made his perpetual promise to the society.

College Juniors Mark "Old Clothes Week" in Campaign for City Needy

College juniors are combing Collegeville daily in the hope that next Monday a gargantuan pile of used clothes may be turned over to the city of Rensselaer as a Christmas gesture.

Every room and study hall on the campus has been allotted to specific committees, who will be contacting students and faculty individually until next Monday. Results of the drive are being stored in the STUFF newspaper office as the campaign progresses.

"Sure, we're glad for the chance to promote this idea," voiced one junior. "Of course, some students when they see the corduroys and sweat shirts during the week, think we ought to collect clothing uptown instead and distribute it here." (There's a fructive mind for you!)

Ten Districts

Chairmen of the ten districts into which junior officers have divided the campus are Joe Leugers, Ed Ansel, Joe Faulkner, Bill Tichenor, Ray Juricich, Bill Kozielski, John O'Grady, Bob Sacksteder, Charles (Red) Simms, and Bob Conley.

Probing each of the ten "wards" of Collegeville several times very thoroughly before Dec. 18, the third-year collegians hope to add in some measure to Rensselaer's Christmas. Clothes will then be distributed through the Rev. Albert Gerhardt, C.P.P.S., pastor of St. Augustine's, and Mr. Kenneth Allman of the town courthouse.

Fr. Dirksen Explains Holy Land Topography

At the regular weekly meeting of the Sanguinist Club, the V. Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joe, presented a talk on the topography of the Holy Land.

The major portion of each meeting, however, has been devoted to study club activities, at the present, a study of the New Testament.

Among the guest speakers to be present in the future, the Sanguinist Club has invited Mr. Robert Arthur, Logansport lawyer and Catholic layman. Mr. Arthur gave one of the addresses at the diocesan Field Mass held here last May.

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(2) To support every effort to keep campus reading and campus speech clean.

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Found, the Effort

Again the time is nigh. Once more we crouch over the typewriter and begin meditating on this all-important second part of the STUFF guiding policy. In previous issues we have ranted and raved. The new-stands of Rensselaer were personally interviewed. Evident evils of back-alley speech and cesspool reading we pointed out concisely. At least we have been earnest, if not consistent and lucid.

In this circumstance, however, our method has been faulty. Knocking and tearing down has been our pattern rather than uplifting and lighting the better path. So with this issue, we henceforth inaugurate the new. There is something for us to boost. We've found the solution.

Down in the tortuous maze of passages under the faculty building lies the answer that should abet improved Collegeville reading. Just as you enter the Dwenger Mission Store, to the right is an inescapable pamphlet rack. There is enough sound principle lodged in one of those leaflets to out-argue a bale of "true tales" or "wily westerns."

Most college men lean rather naturally into topics as close to them as love and marriage. If the source of their information is the rather erratic and sometimes despoiled pulp magazines, then someone ought to tell them where they may find more thorough and complete slants on these vital topics.

In this manner STUFF's editorial policy does an about face. No more condemning the evil and watching scathing lines go by without a ripple. From now on it is "Peruse and Use the Pamphlets."

Please, Santa Dear

Science Hall No. 41.

Dear Santa Claus:

We believe in you like we believe in dessert. Maybe that is why we approach you now with so much sincerity. Christmas eve will soon be upon us. Our oft-darned sock will be out.

So please, Santa Dear, when you and your sixteen-cylinder reindeers skim over Collegeville in the early morning of next Monday a week, pull up long enough to peer down upon these 1800 and think about all the things we think we need.

At this writing, Saint Nick, there are about 545 of us down here. First of all, let there be a safe trip home, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and good resolutions all the way around. But here are some more things we hope you'll be carrying in the big sack in the back seat.

Please let STUFF find some real features; the appealing kind that still won't arouse anybody's finer sensibility.

Then maybe you could dig deep and find an all-student dance band and a patronized date bureau, and a basketball team that will keep going the way they've started out. Show us how to please authority here a little better than we do. Help our clubs to keep "on the ball" and don't let any of us, singly or in groups, be childish about petty things.

There are more, Santa, though we do need these things. But you know best. We believe in you and will have our stocking hanging on the main gate next Christmas eve. Pleasant journey!

GOLD DUST

By Bill Herber and Carroll Blackwell

Thanksgiving is over, Christmas vacation is just around the corner, St. Joe beat St. Xavier, and the column is again staring you in the face. We hope that no feelings will be hurt, and that no secrets will be exposed in the following writing. Disregarding all sentiments this column exposes the truth and nothing but the truth. All of which leads up to the following.

Thumbnail descriptions:

Tom Husted—Masculine Salome.
Vito Valone—Masculine Salome.
Students invited to dance—Irresistible Force.
Fr. Rauh—Immovable object.
Carl Heitz—Tish Tash.

Robert Conley is cursing the luck that permitted his gal friend from Louisville to meet Laskowski. Indeed it is surprising that anyone could impress a girl so much during a single football game. Take it from Bob's girl, there isn't much to choose between them, with Laskowski getting the nod.

We know that Bud Lang's parents won't permit him to go visiting again when they hear his trousers walk into the house Christmas. We can only imagine what they will think of Jerry Bissler for letting Bud get out from under his watchful eye for even a minute. It just goes to show what will happen when a Tiffin boy is turned loose in a city. This age-old axiom seems to describe Bud perfectly. "The apparel oft proclaims the man in the very loudest tones."

Classroom Scenes:

"Wake Up!"

Anyone desiring to visit with Frank Hodous may do so at any time between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., providing they go to the laundry. The authorities have advised us that quite a large amount of sentiment exists between Frank and the laundry, and we also learned that Mr. Hodous spends an average of twenty hours a week in this tradition-laden room. Frank personally extends an invitation to all students to visit him and talk over old times. (Note—Please bring all your old socks and he will darn them for you at a slight fee; the proceeds are to be turned over to the Commerce Club.)

For a time it was doubtful whether or not the donor of the bouquet of weeds had sufficient funds to continue this honorable practice, but after a long conference with him, he finally convinced us that he was well able to continue. James Ford is our unanimous choice for the bouquet this week. He was chosen as a result of his very peculiar mannerisms while in the dining hall. No one begrudges him the food he gets, but when an individual uses a meat platter instead of a plate he deserves due praise. The donor will have one of his assistants deliver the prize some time before Christmas.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting Bob Sacksteder's new book-length novel, "Confessions of a St. Joe Student." We have it on competent authority that the plot is based around the dining hall.

William Tichenor appears to be getting terribly restless these days. No doubt the coming vacation will do him more good than all his loves in the neighboring village? Through no fault of our own, we accidentally let our eyes fall on his open notebook the other day; the following are authentic examples of his doodles—"Shirley Temple loves Billy Tichenor," and "Carmilla Tichenor." We have no idea who Carmilla is, but William informs us that it is the girl who drives through the campus on the way home. Could it be that Mr. Tichenor also recognizes the comfort of an automobile.

Can anyone imagine Alvin Golay with two girls on the string, or even one? Neither can we. Regardless of our personal feelings, this practically impossible situation really does exist; however, it is causing Alvin more than his share of anxious moments. A certain girl in Indianapolis has heard of Alvin's false love, and has proceeded to question him about it. From one of Alvin's return letters we quote: "You're not the only one who can have dates, Betty May," unquote. It appears that our friend is attempting to walk down life's path with his arms around both girls. We wish to inform Mr. Golay that it just isn't being done these days.

Campus theme songs:

Ed. Ansel—Oh! Sole Mio.
Maurice Gutsell—I go to my head.
William Gay—I'm just a happy little ditty.
James Murray—Careless.
Joe Walters—You got me talking to myself.

Our apologies to Cosman. He has finally rated a letter from one of his million admirers. The letter he received arrived last week, and he has written five answers. It's a case like this that should be referred to "Advice For The Lovelorn."

John Blackwell is looking cute these days. If ever there was an individual who shouldn't have attempted to raise a mustache, John is the one. Walking about the campus with his upper lip dotted with bristles, he reminds us of a youngster who has just received his first pair of long trousers.

Bob Cashman's girl is rushing the season just a little, or maybe she is a trifle late; at any rate she should have been awake on Sadie Hawkins day. Perhaps Bob doesn't 'love' her so much as she 'loves' Bob, and she aims to get her man. Most fellows would get quite a bang out of having a girl chase them, but in this case Mr. Cashman is finding it very annoying. Think of all the trouble he faces during Christmas vacation, and try to sympathize with him if you can. Neither can we.

Once again the time has come when we must close, but instead of wishing you a Bon Sewer, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hangover.
Sincerely—The Goldust Twins.

Bookworming

By Bob Causland

A college man definitely dislikes the idea of missing anything worth while. No one considers a meal finished until he has had a dessert. Then why obtain only half an education? The library is stocked with books containing ideas, facts, and views on all current topics, both religious and worldly.

In particular, I would like to call your attention to an authoress who is life's drama in herself, Dorothy Day. As I see her, Miss Day appears to be a twentieth century Mary Magdalen.

Dorothy Day had very little formal religion. After a fundamental training in public schools, she became entangled with the "wrong crowd" at the University of Illinois. In 1916 Miss Day arrived in New York where she put into practice her newly-adopted communistic principles by reporting for radical newspapers and joining the socialist party.

The necessity of obtaining first-hand information about the poorer laboring class of the city prompted her to work closer to the poor unfortunates. While Miss Day, adhering to communistic principles, was fighting for oppressed labor, the dawn of Catholicism was breaking upon her. She saw the faith in God demonstrated by the poor, and her logical mind opened to the truth.

"The House of Hospitality" was written after Miss Day's conversion. This narrative tells of her work while living among the poor; not social work, coming in among them, not dignified or romantic poverty, but "poverty with smells—hungry poverty."

She lives there, fighting for them, sharing their meals and place of rest, and bringing to them God plus material assistance. Yet there is not one hint of bitterness against the comfortable.

Don't you think this is worth knowing about? Think it over.

Following the Flickers

With Dick Scheiber

We have sundry other topics to settle in this issue's sessions on cinemas. (1) Father Speckbaugh should know that he has at least one ardent follower sharing his views as stated in "Critical Remarks" in the St. Joe literary journal. The idea of fundamental, past-tense criticism of motion pictures—using a reason for every statement—has a lot of appeal in this column.

(2) Every "pillar-builder," for such we consider ourselves, leaps at the chance to wish his readers the traditional "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Come Back Rational!" Count this correspondent as having made these good wishes to every soul who sees these hallowed lines.

(3) Today we show you two sets of the three best flickers that appeared in Rensselaer since last September. Set 'A' lists the outstanding trio of movies from the dollar and cents angle, known as box office. Set 'B' lists the best movies in themselves, as this writer liked them.

Set 'A' or top Money Earners, Ranked in Order:

(1) "Babes in Arms."
(2) "Thunder Afloat."

(3) "Drums Along the Mohawk."

Set 'B' or Top Entertainment Flickers, Ranked in Order:

(1) "The Old Maid."
(2) "Honeymoon in Bali."

(3) "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

All of the above are humbly submitted by your flicker foolosopher. He'll start running, come next December 22! Now for more reviews.

"THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES" by Fox, with Basil Rathbone and Ida Lupino. Starts Friday, Dec. 15, at the Ritz. Legion Rating: A-1.

What the elite call a "plethora of new approaches" stands out in the latest Holmes picture. A strange case of the chinchilla fetish; the Traitor's Gate; the fiendish instrument that strangles, crushes and vanishes; all molded around a woman in love and a lot of British crown jewels as the loot—there is the tale of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" when he ties up with Moriarty, the master-criminal. Br-r-r-r.

"BARRICADE," by Fox, with Alice Faye and Warner Baxter. Starts Sunday, Dec. 17th, at the Ritz. Legion Rating: A-2.

The story centers around stringent American situations in present European circumstances. An American consul in China protects as best he can the little group of British and U. S. refugees who are escaping from bandit terrorism.

Miss Faye is an escapist, too. She is a night-club entertainer fleeing from a murder. Baxter, an avacious newshound insofar as unique angles are concerned, catches her on a bandit-infested train. They escape miraculously, gain exoneration and live happily, and so on.

"BLONDIE BRINGS UP BABY," by Columbia, with Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake. Starts Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Palace. Legion Rating: A-1.

Here's a flicker that rides on the current popularity of the well-known comic strip. This time, as usual, Dagwood collides with the postman, winds up in jail, gets fired, gets accused of kidnapping and of other crimes. Baby Dumping goes to school. In real life, by the way, the little hokey-player is the son of the swing songstress, Margaret Lawrence. You must have heard her with Jimmy Grier's orchestra.

"THE UNDERPUP," by Universal, with Robert Cummings, Nan Grey and Gloria Jean. Starts Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Ritz. Legion Rating: A-1.

And another star is born in fourteen-year-old singing Gloria Jean. She'll remind you of Deanna Durbin—fresh, light-hearted, and with the nightingale's voice—and that's just the idea Universal had in mind. Little Gloria is the Tenth Avenue Underpup who writes an essay, wins a prize to a summer camp and makes angels out of the "little snobs."

This Week's Question: How Has Retreat Impressed You?

By Bob Runnion

Those brief thirty-six hours of retreat were seized by many as a golden opportunity for getting themselves once more spiritually "in the pink." It left them feeling morally, mentally and physically clearer—just a little more worthy. But for others it did naught but add to their confusion.

"This is my eighth retreat, and the best I've ever made," contributes a sixth-year community student. "It seems that every year these retreats make a deeper and more lasting impression on me. I liked Father Mooney a lot—he lost no time in getting us into the spirit of the thing. A good thing he did, too, the retreat was so short. I believe these views are shared by most of the community students."

The idea of an increase in zeal with successive retreats is not shared by all, however. To a small minority, the more they see of such things, the more indifferent they become.

Says one lad, as he trumps his partner's ace in the Raleigh Club: "The first retreat I ever attended kinda jarred em, but now I can take them pretty good. Of course I didn't like this one because I got into a lot of trouble skipping conferences. They made us work too hard, too." There was almost a note of pride in his voice.

Another lad, when asked what he thought of the retreat, brazenly replied, "I don't know; I wasn't there." It seems the local "beer-ery" was the scene of most of his devotions. The opinion of the majority was so much in the other direction that the conclusions of these individuals may be discounted entirely. Discounting the individuals themselves would do no harm.

"I feel spiritually reborn," smilingly states one lad. "Never before have I experienced more of a moral rejuvenation. The process is highly exhilarating. The themes of the retreat master's speeches were quite practical, too. They touched on many problems which confront and disturb most of today's young men. His allusions to the sex problem were particularly enlightening. The pointers he gave on how to avoid these sins and their occasions were invaluable."

"The speaker was exceptionally good, I thought," added a freshman. "When he started talking about death and how foolish mortals are to go around chasing earthly bubbles, I got plenty worried." "I don't know whether or not you're supposed to enjoy those things, but I sure enjoyed this one, and I'm not talking about napping in between conferences, either," chimed in his companion.

"As a rule things purely religious fail to make too great an impression on me, but this sure did. I used my spare time advantageously, too. Caught up on the history of the Church. And another thing—the clean-cut appearance of that priest gave living proof of his statements that a healthy spiritual life is a healthy physical life." This upper-classman deliberates before making a statement.

Previous questions discussed in this column showed a fair number against the obvious right of a thing. Here the voice of disapproval is very small, which, in my opinion, points to the conclusion that even the most light-headed, devil-may-care students can be reached if the means used probe deeply.

... An' Things

By Richard "Monk" Perl

Fish Story

"You know what?" said the upperclassman to his roommate as he sneaked into the room about two hours after check. "I will have to let them nail me the next time; this night life is killing me."

So Would I

As I was laying on the green, A' book of sinister aspect I seen; Virgil's Aeneid was the edition, So I leaved it lay in the same position.

—Procopian News.

Awed frosh: "How did you get away with late return after vacation?"

Senior: "Easy! I just said that I was going home for Thanksgiving and neglected to give the name of my state."

Grounds For Divorce

"That was considerate of you to pull over to the curb when that lady turned the corner, John," said John's wife.

"Considerate nothing; that was instinct."

Beware—Lest It Be Said Of You "All those that would like to go to heaven," said the Sunday school teacher to the class, "raise their hands."

All did except one.

"Why Johnny," exclaimed the teacher, "wouldn't you like to go to heaven, too?"

"Naw," said Johnny. "Not if that bunch is goin'!"

Life

If one fool wears it; it's bad taste. If two fools wear it; they're room-mates.

He Probably Didn't

In a football game in which one team had a number of colored players a stalwart halfback rushed down the field with the ball. Trying to tackle him was one of the sepia linesmen. With a neat stiff arm he disposed of the gentleman. Then another and another and another chocolate drop got in the path of the onrushing halfback, but with the dexterity of a dancer he evaded them all and rushed on toward the goal. Just as he was about to cross the goal line a white player came at him. With a gasp of surprise he stopped, stuck out his hand and said, "Doctor Livingstone!"

Sweet young thing: "Do football players have to shave just before a game to avoid unnecessary roughness?"

Girl friend: "I don't know, but they get penalized for holding."

Cop: "Hey Bud, why don't you use both hands?"

Driver: "I can't officer; I got to drive with one of them."

—Times.



Because of the inability of one of the members of the controlling board of the Indiana Catholic High School Athletic Association to be present at the proposed meeting here November 30, the meeting is most likely to be held at Cathedral High of Indianapolis the night of the St. Joe-Cathedral game, December 16. The tournament time and place will be set then.

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The Raleigh Club

Rensselaer Citizens See Commerce Meet

By ED O'REILLY

Carrying out their plan to have business men from Rensselaer as guest speakers, the Economic division of the Commerce Club was honored by the presence, on December 4, of Mr. Raymond Paulus, as guest speaker. Mr. Paulus, of the Babcock Construction Co., spoke on the nature of the construction business, emphasizing contracting. Mr. Allan Sommers and Mr. Leon Givin, local business men, also attended.

Because of his outstanding work and support of the club, Mr. Phil Wood, also of Rensselaer, was accepted into the club as an honorary member. Mr. Wood, who has attended the meetings regularly, has helped the club obtain speakers from among the business men of town. Five members of the student body were also admitted into the club.

Plan Contest

It was moved and seconded that a contest be held, the proceeds of which will be used for the benefit of the club. Two portable Zenith radios will be given away as prizes.

Also present at the meeting from the Social Science Department were the Rev. Albert Gordon, C.P.P.S., moderator of the club; the Rev. Francis Hehn, C.P.P.S.; and the Rev. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S.

Mission Unit Adopts Newer Constitution

At a special two-hour meeting, Nov. 30, the Dwenger Mission Unit adopted a new constitution after a few improvements on the one submitted by the committee.

The Holy Father's mission intention, published by the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, with which the Dwenger Mission Unit is affiliated, will be posted monthly on the bulletin board in the chapel corridor.

New members will probably be voted in at the regular meeting tonight. Joseph Dell will deliver his inaugural address on the Catholic Students Mission Crusade Convention held this summer at the Catholic University of America.

Prize-Winning Photographer, Fr. Baechle, A St. Joe Science Prof, Man of Hobbies

By JIM MANION

As a mystery man of St. Joseph's College, the Rev. John W. Baechle, C.P.P.S., ranks number one. Since his advent upon the campus in September more unusualness has been rumored about him and less direct information was dispersed than in many a year. Although he is professor of Freshman biology he is more commonly known as "the one who takes pictures."

Likes Biology Best

However, biology is his chief interest and, in brief, he is an exponent of biological photography. Fr. Baechle's biological experiments on the development, or rather, the life cycle of moths has been one of the main subjects of his lens; in recent years approximately ninety per cent of his negatives have been of a biological nature.

He has been interested in photography since his first year in high school when he purchased his first box camera and a small developer, the latter for about two dollars. The following year he came to St. Joseph's, where he soon had charge of the local photo-shop.

Runs Photo Shop

When he arrived at Collegeville this fall he took over the photo-shop, and his hobby began to grow by leaps and bounds. Besides covering all athletic contests and getting stills for STUFF, Fr. Baechle is continuing a film feature on the life of the average student in a year at St. Joe, which was started last year by Fr. Hehn. And also, as moderator of the newly organized Campus Camera Club, he is encouraging the "shutterbugs" to compete for the prizes offered by STUFF for good feature pictures.

Likes Photography Course

As to the College inaugurating a course in Photography, says Fr. Baechle, "I, personally, would like to see it. Of course, it would have to be arranged under a system of lecture and lab periods, being classified under the Science courses, but it would surely be an asset to any Science student or to any student whatsoever."

Queen's Work Contest Deadline Is Friday

A contest to find and make known the Catholic college campus greats and future greats will close Friday. The contest, sponsored by the Queen's Work, a Catholic magazine, offers awards ranging from five dollars to the grand prize of fifty dollars.

Prizes will be presented in various fields. There will be awards for the outstanding photograph, cartoon or drawing, short story, song, or one-act play.

Sophs Meet After Jan. 1

"Shortly after the Christmas vacation, the college sophomores will hold a general meeting to entertain any suggestions for class activities," said Tom Bugher, president of the 42's.

Curtain Club Accepts

At the next regular meeting of the Curtain Club, Saturday evening, Dec. 16, the fourth year religious students, high school seniors, will be voted into the club.

Wow! Three More Bells

Three new hand bells were received recently in the Dean of Men's office. They will be distributed to the prefects in the various halls to rouse sleepyheads from their slumbers when old sol peeps his head over Drexel Hall.

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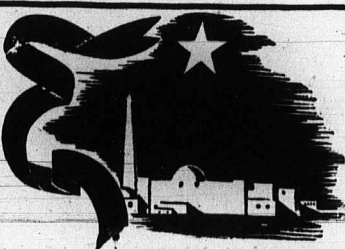
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Fr. Schon Sums Up Recent Purchases

Facts gathered recently from the treasurer's office show that large purchases of furniture were made by the college during the first half of the present school year. Plans concerning Seifert hall's finishing touches have also been made.

According to the Rev. John Schon, C.P.P.S., Collegeville's treasurer, 100 lockers, 100 beds, 150 desk lamps, 165 tablet armchairs, and 150 streamlined desks, of which fifty are yet to come, have been purchased this year to meet the needs of the growing student body.

"Pointing of the tile lining Seifert hall's corridors will be done during Christmas vacation," Father Schon stated. At present, the sidewalk problem has not been fully solved. It will probably be laid next spring, thereby giving the ground a chance to settle.

Quartet Booked Here

St. Joe men will hear the Merhoff Quartet, Jan. 11, consisting of Louis Kristian, tenor, Ella Steele, soprano, Gundrun Thorson, contralto, and Walter Merhoff, baritone and manager of the group.

Sings Special Mass

Under the direction of the Rev. Harold Diller, C.P.P.S., the college choir, at the High Mass on Dec. 8, sang Wilberger's two-voiced mass, "Jesu Bone Pastor." They sang Molitor's four-voiced "Ave Maria" for the offertory.

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This Charlie Peitz Is Quite a Guy; Wins Story Prize, Draws for 'Sign'

"Winner" of the five-dollar prize for the best article in the fall issue of Measure, college quarterly, is Charles Peitz," announced the Rev. Paul F. Speckbaugh, C.P.P.S., faculty adviser.

A series of brief stories accompanied by sketches is the nature of Peitz's offering.

Fr. Sheeran Outlines Dissertation Methods

An informal lecture on "Thesis Writing and Research" by the Rev. Joseph A. Sheeran, C.P.P.C., on Sunday, Dec. 10, entertained the members of the Poetry Society at their regular meeting.

Father Sheeran presented practical suggestions to aid one in writing his dissertation required for a degree. Interesting facts concerning Catholic University, in Washington, D. C., and his own experiences there, were sandwiched between the more serious thoughts of the lecture.

Before the group had dispersed, a slip of paper, having the name and address of a living Catholic poet on it, was given to each member. A communication to these poets will seek an original manuscript of any of their works.

Evidently St. Joe students are not the only ones who appreciate the artistic creations of Junior Charles Peitz. The Passionist Fathers have chosen him to illustrate an article in a coming issue of their monthly magazine, the Sign.

"I haven't as yet decided exactly how I'll go about it," said Charlie, "but I'll be getting to work on it soon." Peitz also intends to submit a drawing to the current Catholic college art contest.

Plan to Unveil Statue Of Fr. Seifert in May

A full-size stone image of the late Rev. Augustine Seifert, C.P.P.S., will be unveiled here as a part of Alumni Day services next May.

To be situated in front of new Seifert Hall, the statue is donated by architect Strauss, and Fred and Henry Hipskind, of Fort Wayne.

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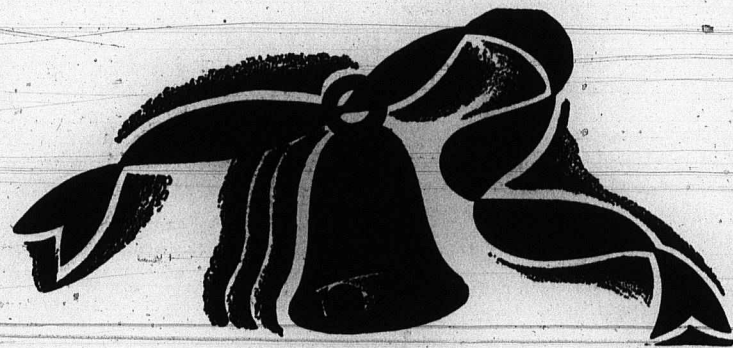
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